(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government will review the issue in view of popular demand of the users of these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) As per extant policy, pantry cars are provided in order of priority on selected long distance Mail/Express trains keeping in view the timings, stoppages, adequacy of catering services from static units enroute, etc. subject to availability of pantry cars and maximum permissible load of the train.

Train Connecting the Pilgrim Age Centres

3260. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals to connect the country's main pilgrimage centres like, Dwarka, Kanya Kumari, Amarnath by convenient train service from Delhi;

(b); if so, what are the existing trains connecting these pilgrimage centres to Delhi and to inter-link these pilgrimage centres; and

(c) whether any new trains are propssed to be introduced to augment the system and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Introduction of trains is a continuous process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justifications, operational feasibility and resource availability. However, Kanniya Kumari and Jammu Tawi (last rail head for Amarnath) are presently connected with Delhi by following train services:—

NEW DELHI—KANNIYA KUMARI

1. 6017/6018 Kanniya Kumari-Jammu Tawi Himsagar Express (weekly)

DELHI/NEW DELHI—JAMMU TAWI

1. 1077/1078 Pune-Jammu Tawi Jhelum Express

2. 2403/2404 Delhi Jammu Tawi Express

3. 2425/2426 Nizamuddin-Jammu Tawi Rajdhani Express (weekly)

4. 2471/2472 Mumbai-Jammu Tawi Express (4 days a week)

5. 2473/2474 Ahmadabad-Jammu Tawi Express (weekly)

6. 2475/2476 Rajkot-Jammu Tawi Express (weekly)

7. 2477/2478 Hapa-Jammu Tawi Express (weekly)

8. 4033/4034 Delhi-Jammu Tawi Mail

9. 4645/4646 New Delhi-Jammu Tawi Shalimar Express

10. 4667/4668 Indore-Jammu Tawi Malwa Express

11. 6017/6018 Kanniya Kumari-Jammu Tawi Express (weekly)

12. 6031/6032 Madras-Jammu Tawi Express (tri-weekly)

13. 6687/6688 Mangalore-Jammu Tawi Express (weekly)

At present, there is no proposal to interlink these places with new train services.

डीज़ल इंजनों का प्रयोग न किया जाना

3261. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या छोटी लाइन पर डीज़ल से चलने वाले इंजन छोटी लाइनों को बड़ी लाइनों में बदलने के बाद बेकार पड़े है;

(ख) क्या रेलवे द्वारा इन इंजनों का उपयोग अन्य क्षेत्रों में किया जा रहा है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) से (ग) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Achievement of Afforestation Targets

3262. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the targets set and achieved for the Eighth Plan period in respect of afforestation, State-wise;

(b) what are the reasons for unachieved targets; If any;

(c) what steps have since been taken to achieve the unachieved targets during the Eighth Plan period;

(d) whether some adverse effects of afforestation have been detected; and

(e) If so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) Annual targets are fixed for afforestation and tree planting activities under the 20 Point Programme for each of the States/Union Territories. The annual targets and achievements for the period 1992-93 to 1995-96 are given in Annexure-I. [*See Appendix 178, Annexure No. 79]* The targets for 1996-97 are given in Annexure-II *(See Appendix 178, Annexure no. 79]*

The average level of achievements in the Eighth Plan period so far has been approximately 85%. The inadequate availability of funds has been a major constraint, inspite of efforts to increase the total allocation for afforestation/tree plantation.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

National Meet on Codification of Criminal Laws

3263. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Meet on "Codification of Criminal Laws relating to Women" was convened by the National Commission for Women in Delhi on July 29, 1996;

(b) if so, what were the main suggestions and observations made at this Meet; and

(c) what decisions have since been taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) The National Commission for Women convened the National Meet on "codification of Criminal Laws relating to Women" on July 27, 1996 in Delhi.

(b) The Meet felt that all forms of violence against women, if incorporated in a Criminal Code, alone would help proper understanding of the laws by investigating and enforcement agencies, the Courts and the Public. The Meet, therefore, recommended codification of laws relating to Women, procedural and evidence law found in various major and minor criminal laws and special legislations, to provide better justice and protection to women.

(c) The Meet decided that five Regional Expert Groups would deliberate upon and recommend their findings to a Task Force to be appointed by National Commission for Women.